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**MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, DEFENSE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT
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**SUBJECT: DCMC Memorandum No. 97-55, Past Performance Information
(PPI) (POLICY)**

This is a POLICY memorandum. Target Audience: All DCMC personnel involved with PPI collection and distribution (e.g., Administrative Contracting Officers, Industrial Specialists, and Program Integrators).

We instructed DCMC field offices in December 1995 to begin preparing PPI assessments to help the Department of Defense meet the requirements of Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 42.15, which requires collecting PPI for contracts over specified dollar thresholds (currently, \$1 million). In January 1996, we started developing the Contractor Performance Reporting System (CPRS) to automate that process. Since February 1997, though, a DoD PPI Integrated Product Team (IPT) has been at work developing DoD-wide PPI policy recommendations for the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition & Technology) and the Component Acquisition Executives (CAEs). The IPT's recommendations are due to the Under Secretary and the CAEs by the end of July.

We have been watching the IPT's progress carefully so we could adjust our PPI collection plans to match the final DoD policy. Based on what we know about the IPT's planned recommendations (DCMC is one of the IPT's co-chairs), it looks like DCMC will not be directly responsible for preparing PPI assessments. Instead, upon request, we will *assist* buying activities with the preparation of PPI assessments with data from the Mechanization of Contract Administration Services (MOCAS) system, other information on file, or special reviews or analyses. We believe the Under Secretary and the CAEs will accept those recommendations. Accordingly, effective immediately, we are ending the requirement for DCMC personnel to prepare FAR 42.15 PPI assessments, and we are ending the deployment and use of CPRS. (We shall, however, continue with all of our "normal" performance-related data collection, entries into MOCAS, etc.)

We appreciate all the time and effort of the DCMC personnel who participated in testing and deploying CPRS. None of it will be wasted. CPRS helped us pioneer, and actually field-test, new methods of gathering DCMC data and information and making it more accessible to our customers. And, since most of



the CPRS software coding is completely reusable, it will be extremely valuable to us as we develop and deploy additional products we will make available to our customers through the Contractor Information Service. If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Bill Lonstein, Contractor Capability and Proposal Analysis Team (AQOD), (703) 767-3383 or DSN 427-3383.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. W. Drewes", with a stylized, flowing script.

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